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Dear Sirs;

This is just to let you know that I believe that the settlement that you have proposed is ludicrous. It is a reward to Microsoft for breaking the law. The only thing that you can say about it is that it is prompt. It does not provide relief for the countless companies that they have put out of business nor does it bring any amount of equity to software companies. One item of the settlement that will prove to be particularly troubling is that no person of the three member committee overseeing Microsoft will be able to testify against the company in court. Presumably this means that you would have to build a case independently of the committee. One question, What good does the committee do? Apparently nothing.

As a result of this settlement, Microsoft will be back in court within the next 5 years on different Antitrust violations. I can only hope that the next administration will not capitulate in the same manner that this administration did.

Sincerely yours;

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